Judge Garlawolu Cautions Judges Over Institutional Reform

...As November Term of Courts Opens At The Temple of Justice





Judge Serena F. Garlawolu cautioned judges, especially those assigned at the Temple of Justice, that the judiciary reform process does not rest solely on the shoulders of His Honor Chief Justice Yamie Quiqui Gbeisay Sr., but on the collective efforts of all judges in the Judiciary.

Speaking at the opening of the First Judicial Circuit, Criminal Court Assizes "A", "B", "C" & "D" November Term on Monday, 9,2026, Judge Garlawolu charged her colleagues, indicating that "Judicial reform is not merely the responsibility of the Chief Justice, the Supreme Court, or policymakers. It is a collective institutional responsibility in which every judge has a significant role to play"

Her Honor Judge Serena F. Garlawolu also stated that the success or failure of judicial reform depends, to a large extent, on the commitment, integrity, discipline, and professionalism judges demonstrate in performing their duties.

She further pointed out that Judges must promote consistency and quality in judicial decisions, and reform must also be reflected in the quality of our judgments and rulings.

"We must ensure that our decisions are grounded in the law, supported by evidence, properly reasoned, and delivered with clarity. Consistent application of the law strengthens legal certainty and prevents arbitrary decisions; thus, we must devote adequate time to legal research, continuous learning, and improving our judicial writing skills," among other things.

For his part, the Acting Solicitor General, Cllr. Abraham B. Sillah Sr. agreed with the judges charged and promised to work in line with the Constitution and ensure justice is delivered promptly, among other things.